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1. DURING COURSE OF SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING WE INFORMED THAT PRES FACIO (COSTA RICA) WANTED TO HAVE ANOTHER MEETING MARCH 6 TO FINISH UP CONSIDERATION OF CYPRUS QUESTION. IN VIEW OF REPORTED HARDENING OF TURKISH POSITION AMB SCHAUFLELE SENT FACIO NOTE SAYING THAT MEETING WITHOUT ADVANCE AGREEMENT ON RESOLUTION COULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. SYG SAID HE GAVE HIM SAME ADVICE. AS RESULT COUNCIL WILL MEET FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS MORNING MARCH 6 AND QUESTION OF NEXT PUBLIC MEETING IS OPEN.

2. AFTER MEETING SCHAUFLELE TALKED TO TURKISH PERMREP OLCAY SAYING HE DETECTED NOTICEABLE HARDENING OF TURKISH POSITION IN OLCAY'S REMARKS DURING MARCH 5 MEETING. OLCAY CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED STIFFER INSTRUCTIONS FROM ANKARA OBJECTING TO MENTION OF GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS IN FIRST PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH AND REJECTING ANY OUTSIDE ELEMENT BEING BROUGHT INTO INTER-COMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS. HIS INSTRUCTIONS ALSO SPECIFICALLY WARNED AGAINST ALLOWING

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SYG TO PRESIDE OVER SUCH NEGOTIATIONS. OLCAY SAID HIS

GOVERNMENT APPEARED OBSESSED BY ATTITUDE WHICH IT SEEMED PERCEIVE AMONG COUNCIL MEMBERS TO "GIVE" GREEKS AND CYPRIOTES SOMETHING AT TURKISH EXPENSE.

3. SCHAUFELLE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD TURKISH OBJECTIONS TO MENTION OF GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS BUT NOTED THAT AS PHRASED IN FIRST PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH, "HAVING CONSIDERED THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS IN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT SUBMITTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS", IS ONLY A STATEMENT OF FACT AND NOT A JUDGMENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. SCHAUFELLE ADDED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO AVOID TURKISH CONCLUSION THAT IT MUST DISASSOCIATE ITSELF FROM ANY RES AND THAT ITS OWN INTEREST WAS TO GET NEGOTIATIONS STARTED AGAIN. HE SAID IT WOULD SEEM THAT TURKS SHOULD BE PROPERLY CONCERNED ABOUT SUBSTANTIVE CONCESSIONS TO GREEK-CYPRIOTE SIDE BUT NOT NECESSARILY TO COSMETIC CONCESSIONS WHICH IN FACT HAVE LITTLE EFFECT ON THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND. OLCAY AGREED BUT CITED AGAIN THE INCREASING STUBBORNNESS OF HIS GOVERNMENT. SCHAUFELLE NOTED TURKS HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN ELIMINATING MOST OBJECT-IONABLE PARTS OF VARIOUS DRAFTS, BUT RENEWED HARD LINE COULD REVERSE TREND WHICH HAD SO FAR BEEN RELATIVELY FAVORABLE TO TURKS.

4. SUBSEQUENTLY SCHAUFELLE SPOKE TO FACIO AND WARNED HIM ABOUT PLUNGING AHEAD TOO QUICKLY WHICH COULD RESULT IN A RESOLUTION WHICH, EVEN IF IT MIGHT BE ADOPTED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL, WOULD BE DENOUNCED BY THE TURKS AND WOULD NOT ACHIEVE THE END WHICH WE ALL SEEK. FACIO SAID HE WAS SENSITIVE TO THIS PROBLEM AND WOULD SEE WHAT CONSULTATIONS IN MORNING WOULD BRING.
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